

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/415,295 filed on October 8, 1999. Claims 1-93 are pending in the application. Claims 45-85 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicant affirms the election of Claims 1-44 and 86-93 for further consideration.

Claims 1-3, 9-13, 18-26, 33, 36, 90-93 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Madan et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,581,035 (hereafter "Madan"). Claims 5-8, 27-32, 34, 37, 42-44, and 86-89 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Madan. Claims 14-17 and 38-41 are rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Madan in view of Logan et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,732,216.

Applicant respectfully submits that Madan cannot be used as a prior art reference because the filing date of October 8, 1999 of the present application pre-dates the filing date of Madan, which is July 11, 2000. Further examination and consideration of the claims 1-44 and 86-93 is therefore respectfully requested.

In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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